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CITY FACES CHALLENGES WITH FY 2004-05 BUDGET

As Mountain View begins work on preparing its Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05 budget, the sluggish economy continues to present fiscal challenges for the City. Additionally, proposals in Sacramento to take even more funding away from local governments as a way to balance the State's budget are of great concern.

During the past two fiscal years of economic downturn, substantial declines in City sales tax, hotel tax and development fee revenues have required the City to reduce expenditures by more than \$10 million. Despite the revenue reductions, the City has balanced its budget and minimized the impact of service reductions by aggressively managing expenditures and by utilizing its Economic Stabilization Contingency Fund. The Economic Stabilization Contingency Fund was created prior to the economic downturn by the City not committing all of its revenue stream to ongoing expenditures. This has helped in addressing a \$12 million, or 15 percent, decline in general revenues since FY 2000-01.


The City anticipates that revenues for FY 2004-05 will not keep pace with projected expenditures and that additional budget and service reductions will be necessary in the upcoming fiscal year in order to balance the budget.

Mountain View's projected shortfall of revenues versus expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year would be significantly aggravated by proposals from Sacramento to take additional funding away from local governments as a way to balance the State's budget.

In the current fiscal year, the State of California has reduced City vehicle license fee (VLF) revenues by more than \$1 million. For next fiscal year, the Governor is also proposing to take away an additional \$1.2 million in property tax revenues from the City, bringing the City's total property tax loss next year as a result of State actions to \$5.7 million. This funding would otherwise be available to the City's General Operating Fund to support important local services such public safety (e.g. police, fire paramedic and 911 services), community services (e.g. parks and recreation services), community development and planning, public works and library services.

The City of Mountain View's mission of providing quality services to residents will be seriously challenged if the State's proposals to take away additional local tax revenues are enacted. These proposals would result in further reductions in City services impacting Mountain View residents.

The City began work on the FY 2004-05 budget in February and the budget process will continue throughout the spring. Budget hearings will be held in early June and the proposed budget will be considered and adopted by the City Council by the end of June.


More information regarding upcoming budget hearings is available on the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov. Or call the Financial and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316. 

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IT PAYS TO SHOP MOUNTAIN VIEW

Did you know that every time you shop at stores, eat at restaurants or use hotels in Mountain View, the City receives 1% of the 8.25% sales tax that is collected. (The State and other agencies receive the other 7.25%.) Although this percentage may seem small, sales tax revenue quickly adds up for the City. Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 25% of the revenue used by the City's General Operating Fund.

The General Operating Fund supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and parks services and library services.


When local sales tax revenues decline, the decline directly impacts these basic services. With greatly limited ability to create additional taxes or revenue sources, the City has no choice but to reduce spending on basic services. So, remember, every time you shop locally or dine out in Mountain View, you help support and maintain the quality of services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City, and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live. 



NEW E-MAIL SERVICE PROVIDES COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

E-mail notices of upcoming City Council meetings, along with copies of the meeting agendas and links to reports on agenda items are now available by signing up for the City's new e-mail notification service.

To register for this free service, visit the City of Mountain View website at: www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov.

Call the City Clerk's Office, at (650) 903-6304 for more information. 

THE VIEW

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CITY MISSION STATEMENT
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

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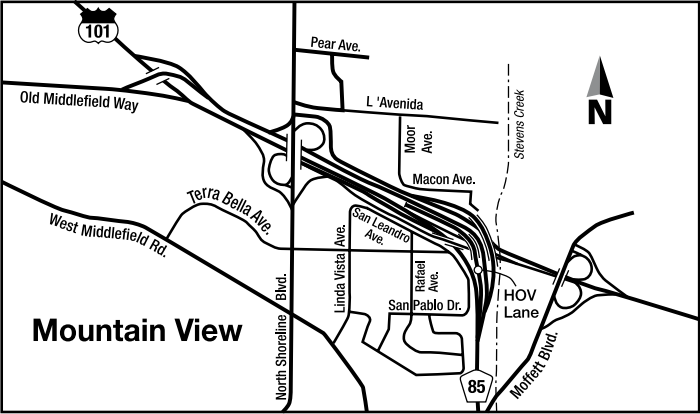
Highway 101 Improvements Update

Work continues on the \$142-million project by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Caltrans to make improvements to Highway 101 between Moffett Boulevard and Old Middlefield Way. The project is being funded by Measure B sales tax revenue, along with funds from the State of California.

The project will include new ramps at the Moffett Boulevard interchange; a new bridge and ramps at the Old Middlefield Way interchange; new ramps at the Shoreline Boulevard interchange; and new and additional ramps at the Route 85 interchange. The project also includes a new City street connecting Pear Avenue and La Avenida, as well as extensive new landscaping.

Currently, construction of the Moffett Boulevard interchange is underway and should be complete by the end of March. Construction of the ramp at Old Middlefield Way began in February and is expected to take about 18 months to complete. Construction on the connecting street between La Avenida and Pear Avenues is slated to begin this June, and work on the Shoreline Boulevard interchange is scheduled to begin this summer. Currently, the overall improvement project is on schedule and should be complete in early 2006.

The City is working with the VTA to help mitigate the impacts of the construction on motorists and residents. The VTA will provide commuters and residents with construction updates through radio announcements, notices to affected businesses and property owners, roadway signs, and information on their web site at www.vta.org. Information is also available by calling the Mountain View Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



Efficiency Studios Project To Break Ground in July

Construction on a new 120-unit efficiency studio housing project at the intersection of San Antonio Road and California Street is slated to begin in July. The State of California recently awarded the project \$4.9 million in Multiple-Family Housing Program funds. This funding will be combined with the \$5.4 million in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funds the City has already allocated for the project to provide low cost housing for low income residents and senior citizens on fixed incomes.

Once work begins this summer, the project is expected to take about a year to complete.

Mountain View residents with incomes between 15 and 45 percent of the median annual income

in Santa Clara County (approximately \$11,000 to \$33,000) will be eligible to apply for the housing. The studio units will be approximately 300 square feet in size, and residents will have access to common facilities such as a community room/kitchen for group activities and a library/computer room.

The project developer, Charities Housing, will start taking applications from prospective tenants in early 2005. There will be additional outreach and advertising at that time. Persons who have lived in Mountain View for at least six months or worked in the city for at least one year will be given preference in renting units. Residents who are interested in following the progress of the efficiency studios can log on to the Charities Housing web site at www.charitieshousing.org.

Council Considers Permanent Historic Ordinance

The City Council is expected to decide on the adoption of a permanent Historic Preservation Ordinance in April, when the current temporary ordinance expires. The ordinance is designed to protect the historical character of older buildings in Mountain View, particularly in the downtown area.

The Council is also expected to decide on a process for determining which buildings in Mountain View should be on the City's Historic Register.

At the City Council's request, the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) has been studying the current interim ordinance and conducting public hearings to gather input in preparation of making recommendations to the Council for a permanent ordinance. To date, the EPC has held seven meetings to solicit public comments and review options for a new ordinance. Property owners and historic preservation groups have been actively involved in the process.

The EPC's goals for the ordinance are to balance historic preservation with property rights, to have a simple and flexible review process for

alterations, and to offer benefits and incentives for the preservation of historic buildings. The Commission also wants to make sure the interim Historic Register is replaced with a new Register based on professional historical assessments of individual buildings.

Recommendations that the EPC is expected to make to the Council include:

- Revising the interim Historic Register so that only properties that meet specific criteria are on it.
- Requiring historic building owners to obtain City approval for significant changes that are on the side of the building facing the street.
- Providing incentives to the owners of historic buildings to maintain the historic character of their homes.
- Establishing zoning tools for protecting the historic character of Mountain View's older neighborhoods.

The tentative date for the first Council public hearing on the proposed ordinance is April 13. For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

Grant Awards Support and Enhance City Programs and Services

Each year, the City actively pursues grant funding from various government agencies and other organizations to support and enhance important City programs and services. During the past year, City efforts to obtain additional funding have paid off with more than \$850,000 in grant funding being awarded to City departments to support and enhance a wide variety of City programs, services and projects, including:

Playground improvements at San Veron and Rex Manor Parks were given a boost by a \$25,000 grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The monies will be used to help defray the cost of playground improvements and the installation of rubberized safety playground surfaces under and around playground equipment to help reduce injury. The new rubberized surfaces are made from recycled tires.

After-school programs at Crittenden and Graham Middle Schools received a three-year, \$194,400 grant from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health. Staff from four City departments worked with the Healthy Ventures Tween Transitions Collaborative to make the grant possible. Monies will help fund a leadership program for eighth graders, an intramural sports program, conflict mediation training, a technology center and curriculum, and a shuttle bus. All of the programs will be fully underway by Fall 2004.

Safe Routes to School grant monies from the State totaling \$232,000 will fund local projects to improve the safety of children who walk or bike to school. Mountain View was only one of two cities in Santa Clara County to receive the grant

funds. The money will be used for the installation of 18 radar speed warning signs and countdown pedestrian signals at 13 intersections throughout Mountain View. The two projects should be complete by Fall 2004.


The Library will start up a **new mobile library service program** as a result of a \$200,000 grant from Google, the Internet search engine company located in Mountain View. The City’s bookmobile service was discontinued in July 2003 because of budget constraints. The grant monies from Google will fund the purchase of a new, state-of-the-art bookmobile that will carry a rotating collection of materials for different audiences and satellite communications equipment for Internet connections. Google has also contributed funds to assist with the first year operating costs of the new vehicle. The new bookmobile service will target group settings, including local corporations. The grant was awarded through the Community Foundation Silicon Valley. Google has also offered to help in the creation of an endowment to ensure that bookmobile services continue. The new mobile library service should be on the road in late 2004.

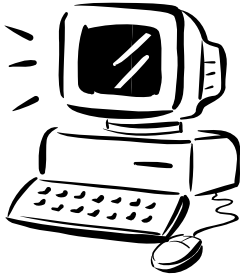
Preschool programs at the Library will benefit from a \$4,800 grant from Mervyn’s Department Store to support the Library’s reading and family literacy programs, including Babies and Books and Baby Steps Up, and a \$2,600 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View, donating through the Mountain View Library Foundation, to fund a story time for two year olds to introduce them to the joy of books and reading.

Teen programs at the Library have also received two important grant funding recently.

The Silicon Valley Association of Realtors Foundation has donated \$3,500 for a teen mentor/homework assistant program to provide homework help for students at the Library after school. WalMart has donated \$1,000 to provide software for computers used by young people in the Library’s Teen Zone.

Traffic safety programs in the Police Department were awarded \$183,000 in funding from the State of California this year. The funds will be used to purchase a mobile radar/message board trailer, as well as to increase enforcement of laws related to drunk driving, speeding and seat belts.

Youth programs in the Police Department received two grants from the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View this year. The Department’s award winning Dreams and Futures Program was given \$7,500 by the Kiwanis Club to support current activities and expand the number of young people who can participate. Dreams and Futures uses both academic and athletic activities to boost self-esteem and provide young people with an alternative to gangs. The Kiwanis Club also contributed \$2,500 to the Department for the purchase and distribution of bike helmets to disadvantaged students in the community. Helmets can reduce the risk of head injury to children by as much as 85 percent. 




New Community School of Music and Arts Opens

The new campus of the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) is now open at 230 San Antonio Circle offering music and art classes, lessons and programs to students of all ages.

The state-of-the-art campus features private music studios, classrooms, cutting-edge digital arts facilities, a teacher resource center and space for early childhood education programs. A new concert hall with specially designed acoustics is available for concerts, lectures and special events. The campus also includes an exhibit gallery and a courtyard for outdoor performances.

The \$11.5 million facility was built on City-owned land. The City entered into a 55-year lease agreement with CSMA for the land and will receive lease revenue from CSMA’s use of the property.

For more information about CSMA, visit the School’s website at www.arts4all.org, or call (650) 917-6800. 


Parade Marches Down Castro Street on April 24

Join friends and neighbors as Mountain View’s 26th Annual Downtown Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 24, rain or shine, beginning at 12:00 noon.

This year’s parade theme is ‘Pirates on Parade.’ The parade ends at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, where the fun continues behind Civic Center Plaza in Pioneer Park. Post-parade festivities in the park will feature children’s activities, music, food and entertainment.

Owners of interesting vehicles, entertainers and community, school and neighborhood groups are encouraged to participate. No political or commercial groups are permitted.

Applications to participate in the parade are available at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The application deadline is Friday, April 2.

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. 


Shoreline Amphitheatre Resident Ticket Policy

Shoreline Amphitheatre is one of the premier concert venues in the Bay Area. Along with its convenient location in Mountain View, city residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre one day in advance of the general public. Tickets to Amphitheatre events usually go on sale to the public on Sundays during the concert season.

To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Beginning in mid-April, Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Box Office Monday through Friday, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and on resident ticket sales days from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm.

Valid proof of residency is required to issue the identification card and to purchase tickets. Proof of residency may include a valid California driver’s license, or DMV-issued California identification card, along with a current utility bill, such as a PG&E, phone, water or cable bill, indicating your name and a Mountain View address. Students may present a school picture identification card, along with a current report card mailed to their Mountain View address.

Information on new events is available by calling the Mountain View Resident Hotline at (650) 903-6605. A full description of the resident ticket program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office.


Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information. 

Police Department Community Education Classes

The Mountain View Police Department offers a variety of classes to educate residents on preventing crime and protecting their families and businesses.

Upcoming classes include:

- 3/11 Personal safety for senior citizens
- 3/16 Protecting your business and tips for commercial security
- 4/6 Spanish language Citizen Police Academy (application required) (Tuesday evenings through June 1)
- 4/21 Internet safety for your family
- 6/3 Summer safety for your children
- 8/12 Citizen Police Academy (application required) (Thursday evenings through October 28)

To learn more about classes or to receive e-mail announcements about upcoming classes, call the Department's community education class line at (650) 903-6161, extension 1395, or visit the Department's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citydepts/pd/pd_home.htm. 

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

Mountain View Citygram

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

I would like a reply:

☐ by telephone ☐ by mail

☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

City/School Partnerships Serve Everyone

Partnerships between the City and the two local school districts serving Mountain View benefit the City, the districts and the community by enabling wider, more cost-effective use of existing space and facilities, providing better maintenance and operation of those facilities, and allowing the City and districts to share the costs of providing programs, services and facilities. Provided below are a few examples of partnerships the City has entered into with the local school districts to share costs and expand services.

A very successful **parks, open space and facilities** partnership between the City and the Mountain View-Whisman School District has been benefiting the community for many years. The City and District have entered into several agreements whereby the City helps maintain school land and facilities in exchange for community use of school property as public park and recreation space during non-school hours. Currently, District land accounts for approximately 35 percent of the City's urban park land at 11 different locations.

Two of the City's most important recreation facilities—the **Mountain View Sports Pavilion** and the **Whisman Sports Center**—are joint ventures between the City and local schools. The facilities were built with both City and school funding. Under a cooperative agreement, the District uses the facilities during school days and for after-school sports. The City uses the facilities in the evenings, on weekends and during summer vacations.




The **Tween Time** program is partnership between the City's Recreation Division and the Crittenden and Graham Middle Schools to provide after-school programming for students. The program includes both a recreation component with after-school clubs and recreational and special activities, and an academic component with a homework center. Each day, approximately 70 students participate in the program at the two schools. The City provides the funding for the program and the schools provide other in-kind services and support.

The **Music in Action** and **Arts in Action** programs are collaborations between the City, the Mountain View-Whisman School District and the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA). These two programs bring professional musicians and artists into elementary classrooms for music and art lessons. The City provides the majority of funding for the programs, while the District provides the facilities and some financial support, and the CSMA coordinates the programs and also conducts fundraising for the programs.

The **Graham Reservoir project** will enable the City to build a 4 to 8 million gallon reservoir, water well, and pump station on land at the Graham Middle School site. In exchange, the City will build new playing fields and facilities at the site and assume responsibility for the maintenance and scheduling of the fields. The new field facilities will include baseball, softball, soccer and football fields, a 400-meter track, field lighting, basketball and volleyball courts, a restroom and storage building. When completed, the project will provide additional water storage, improved playing fields and maintenance for the District, and after-hour sports fields that can be used by the community.

Construction of a new **Alta Vista High School** will be made possible through a partnership agreement between the City and the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District. The new high school will be built on City-owned land near the intersection of Bryant Avenue and Lubich Drive.

The Mountain View Police Department's two **School Resource Officers** (SROs) act as liaisons with all public and private schools within the City of Mountain View promoting respect and trust in law enforcement, creating a positive concept of the legal and judicial system, and providing counseling and referral services when necessary.

These are just a few examples of the beneficial and cost-effective partnerships the City and school districts have entered into. For more information regarding City programs and services, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. 

Council Approves New Downtown Parking Structure

In January, the City Council authorized the design and construction of a new four-story, five-level parking structure at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets. The new parking structure will accommodate approximately 405 parking spaces and include 14,000 square feet of retail space on the ground level.

The parking structure is being designed so that it fits in well with the downtown area and existing developments nearby, and also creates retail spaces that will be attractive and easy for pedestrians to use.

The parking structure's design is scheduled for completion in early 2005. Construction of the project is expected to be completed by mid-2006. The project will be financed from City Parking District funds and bonds issued by the City's Revitalization Authority.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 

City Celebrates Arbor Day

The City of Mountain View will mark Arbor Day this year with a celebration on Saturday, March 13. The festivities begin at 10:00 am in the Library, 585 Franklin Street. The fun continues from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Pioneer Park, 1146 Church Street with a tree planting ceremony, face painting, guided tree walks, information booths and children’s arts and crafts.

For more information about Mountain View’s Arbor Day celebration, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. [V](#)



Community Yard and Garage Sales Scheduled for May 15

Don’t miss the annual Community Yard and Garage Sale events scheduled for Saturday, May 15.

Community Yard Sale in Rengstorff Park

Join friends and neighbors in Rengstorff Park on May 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Community Yard Sale. More than 100 vendors will be there with hot bargains and good food. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information or to register for a booth.

City-Wide Garage Sale

Hold a garage sale at your home as part of a City-wide event sponsored by the City’s Solid Waste and Recycling Section. The garage sales are scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A free how-to kit is available to help you make your garage sale a success. For more information and to register, call (650) 903-6311.

Deadline to register for both events is Friday, April 23. [V](#)

Plans for Emporium Site Underway

Work continues with representatives of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and Camino Medical Group on plans to construct a 250,000 square foot medical facility on the former Emporium site at El Camino Real and Highway 85.

This facility will house offices and exam rooms for primary care physicians and specialty physicians. An urgent care center, outpatient surgery center, pharmacy and laboratory, as well as diagnostic radiology service space, are also included in the plans. In addition, administrative offices, conference facilities and food service will be available on-site.

In 2000, the Camino Medical Group affiliated with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. The two medical groups have facilities stretching from Santa Clara to Palo Alto. The new facility will consolidate many of these locations and be more convenient for Mountain View residents.

A meeting with neighbors was held in early January and an Environmental Planning Commission study session was held in January. There will be public hearings on this item throughout the coming year. If you would like to be on the mailing list or have any questions regarding the project, contact Mary Fulford, Deputy Zoning Administrator, at (650) 903-6306. [V](#)

Stevens Creek Trail Update

The City is in the process of completing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the final section of the Stevens Creek Trail in Mountain View. Reach 4, Segment 2 will be 1.7 miles long and run from Yuba Drive to Mountain View High School.



Stevens Creek Trail is a bike and pedestrian trail that connects many of the City’s park, recreation and open space facilities. It is used by more than 1,000 people each day for recreation and commuting. Currently, trail users can travel from Shoreline at Mountain View Park along San Francisco Bay to the El Camino Real area. This final section will extend the trail to Mountain View High School.

The Draft EIR for Reach 4, Segment 2 was released in July, 2002. Since that time, plans for the final section of the Trail have been reviewed and revised several times based

on suggestions and comments from permitting agencies, organizations and members of the public. A final EIR for the project should be complete this spring, when it will be submitted to the City Council for final certification.

For more information about the Stevens Creek Trail, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. [V](#)

Free Children’s Theater In The Park

Peninsula Youth Theatre, in partnership with the City of Mountain View, will present free children’s theater productions this summer on the Center for the Performing Arts’ ParkStage, 500 Castro Street.

Youngsters who would like to become part of these productions can sign up for Theatre in the Park summer camps. Each production is a two-week session. The camps include instruction in acting, set-building, props and costuming. Check the enclosed Recreation Guide for information on how to register for summer camp.



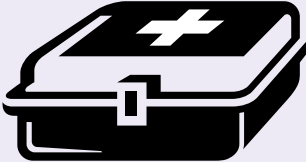
Everyone is invited to enjoy the Children’s Theatre in the Park performances produced at the end of each camp session. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner to enjoy these special 30- to 45-minute productions presented each Friday evening at 6:30 pm on the ParkStage from June 25 through August 13.

- June 25: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- July 2: Hansel and Gretel
- July 9: Aladdin
- July 16: Alice in Wonderland
- July 23: Peter Rabbit and Friends
- July 30: Once Upon a Shoe
- August 6: Folk Tales Fun
- August 13: Aesop’s Fables

For more information about shows and times, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com. [V](#)

Help Prepare for Emergencies

Learn how to save lives and protect property in the event of a disaster by signing up for



the Mountain View Fire Department’s next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program. The CERT training course covers disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and team organization. The next CERT training program is scheduled to begin April 7, 2004. CERT training classes are offered in either English or Spanish.

For more information regarding CERT training, contact Lynn Brown, Office of Emergency Services, at (650) 903-6825. [V](#)

To Contact City Councilmembers

Mountain View's Mayor and City Councilmembers are available to meet with residents.

During the 2004 calendar year, the Mayor will be available for appointments on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Call the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6305 to schedule an appointment with the Mayor or a Councilmember.

City Department Telephone Directory

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City Attorney's Office	903-6303
City Clerk's Office	903-6304
City Manager's Office	903-6301
Community Outreach Program	903-6145
Community Development Department	903-6306
Building Division	903-6313
Current/Advance Planning	903-6306
Economic Development	903-6306
Neighborhood Preservation	903-6379
Community Services Department	903-6331
Forestry and Roadway Landscape	903-6273
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CONNECTING with your COMMUNITY

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. The Volunteer Services Program is committed to citizen participation by matching people with volunteer opportunities that enhance City services. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or go to the City website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us to download a volunteer application.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm School Year Teaching Docents– Teaching Docents are needed and free training is provided. For more information and to reserve your space for training, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430.

Center for Performing Arts– Ushers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, April 12 and Monday, April 19, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or e-mail Jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Center for Performing Arts–Office Assistant-Help is needed in the Center office 10 hours a week. Skills required are word-processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible, but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or e-mail Jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Community Development–Mediators–The City will soon be recruiting volunteer mediators to help resolve rental housing, neighborhood, consumer and workplace disputes. Volunteers must successfully complete a 32-hour training course to learn mediation skills and conflict resolution techniques. Applicants must live, work or own property in Mountain View. For more information and to obtain applications, call the Mediation Office at (650) 960-0495.

Police Department–HAPP Team–The Mountain View Police Department's Handicapped Area Parking Patrol Team (HAPP Team) needs volunteers. Volunteers educate the public about handicap parking regulations and help enforce the regulations. Volunteers at least 18 years old are encouraged to apply. All volunteers must complete a training program. For more information, contact Assistant Program Coordinator Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

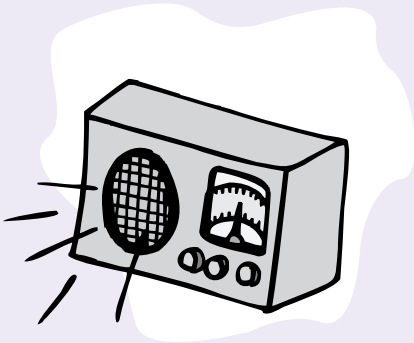
Police Department–Home Security Inspector volunteers are needed to provide security inspections for homes in Mountain View. Volunteers will be trained in home security. **Mobile Radar Trailer Deployment** volunteers are needed to set up and pick up the Department's radar trailers throughout the community. Training will be provided. **VIP Interpreters** will become certified to assist crime investigators in the interpretation of written and verbal communication. All languages are needed. For more information, call Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or e-mail PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us.



Library–Children's Services–Volunteers are needed in the Children's area to prepare and/or shelve books and other library material. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail Maynard.martinez@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

City Clerk's Office–Office Assistant-Volunteers are needed to distribute Council packets, prepare mail and do general filing, copying, data entry, prepare records for storage, and other duties. Computer experience is required. For more information, call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

Fire Department–CERT–Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting Community Emergency Response Team training for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials and special projects. For more information, call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.



Fire Department–Amateur Radio–Use your amateur radio operating skills to assist the Fire Department during disasters. Members of the amateur radio operators group must supply their own radios. For more information, call Lynn Brown, Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Upcoming Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade–Special Event–Volunteers are needed to help at the 26th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 24. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or work as a block monitor. For more information, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

Calendar of events

March

- 2 Downtown Committee**, 8:00 a.m., PCR
- 3 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 4 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., Castro School Multipurpose Room, 505 Escuela Avenue. The Commission will be soliciting input regarding community needs, trends and priorities to serve as a basis for its input into the FY 2004-05 Community Development Block Grant funding allocation process.
- 10 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13 Arbor Day Celebration**, Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Library, 585 Franklin Street, and continue from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, 1146 Church Street
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 15 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hearing**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 17 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 20 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 23 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 27 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Milpitas. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 30 Narrative Budget Report Study Session**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 31 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

April

- 2 Application deadline for entry in the 26th Annual Downtown Spring Parade.** Call (650) 903-6331 for more information.
- 7 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 9 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 14 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR

National River Clean Up Day

Be a part of National River Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 15, 2004 by joining friends and neighbors in removing debris and trash from inland waterways.

To find out more about volunteering and to learn more about the clean up event, visit the Creek Connections Action Group website at www.cleanacreek.org or call the Fire Department's Environmental Protection Division at (650) 903-6378.



- 14 Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 19 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 23 Registration deadline for 9th Annual Community Yard Sale and City-Wide Garage Sale.** Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 to register for the Community Yard Sale. Call the Solid Waste and Recycling Section at (650) 903-6311 to register for the City-Wide Garage Sale.
- 24 26th Annual Downtown Spring Parade**, begins at 12:00 noon on Castro Street. A celebration in Pioneer Park follows the parade.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Santa Clara. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 27 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

May

- 4 Downtown Committee**, 8:00 a.m., PCR
- FY 2004-05 Budget Study Session**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 5 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 6 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 7 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 8 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ARC
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15 Community Yard Sale**, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- City-Wide Garage Sale**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- National River Clean Up Day.** Call (650) 903-6378 for more information.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 17 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 22 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Los Altos. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 26 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 31 Memorial Day holiday**, City offices closed.

June

- 1 FY 2004-05 Budget Hearing**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 2 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 3 FY 2004-05 Budget Hearing**, 6:30 p.m., CC (if needed)
- 8 City Council and FY 2004-05 Budget Adoption**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street



- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 12 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 19 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- Home Composting Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 21 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 22 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 25 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 26 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off** in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 30 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

July

- 1 Human Relations Commission**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 4 Independence Day holiday**, City offices closed.
- 6 Downtown Committee**, 8:00 a.m., PCR
- City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 7 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 14 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ARC
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 28 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR

August

- 4 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 11 Visual Arts Committee**, 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission**, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 17 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 18 Environmental Planning Commission**, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 25 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 31 City Council**, 6:30 p.m., CC

CC - Council Chambers, City Hall
PCR - Plaza Conference Room, City Hall
ACR - Atrium Conference Room, City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.